

CL. DEEMS FAVORED

Artillery Officer Probably Not to Be Retired.

TESTIMONY MAINLY ABOUT DOG

Fox Terrier Riley, a first-class canine when friends are telling the story, but a common cur when enemies of the colonel are testifying—inquiry at an end.

New York, Jan. 28.—Lieut. Col. Clarence Deems, in command of the artillery district of Baltimore, returned to his post at Fort Howard today after expressing confidence in the result of the inquiry, concluded at Governors Island on Monday, as to his mental and physical capacity to hold his job.

The testimony of the physicians who examined Col. Deems was so decidedly in his favor that it will be practically impossible for the retiring board of the Department of the East to report any other way than favorably on his case. There is a tendency on the part of some of the officers who have taken no sides in the trouble at Fort Howard that resulted in the court-martialing of Capt. Chase and his reduction to three flits, to regard the case against Col. Deems as somewhat serious. The board will not make its decision public, but it is understood that it will be unanimously for him.

Hinged on Dog's Conduct.

The chief reason for having Col. Deems up for examination hinged on the conduct of his fox terrier Riley. There was testimony indicating that Riley slept with the colonel, and that he often barked at the troops; also that he had fleas. Col. Deems admitted in a talk with friends after the inquiry was over that Riley may have had fleas, which were common in most garrisons, but that he, the colonel, never had caught any from the terrier, which never had slept with him, but had slept on a blanket at the foot of his bed.

In regard to the charge that Riley barked at the troops, counsel for the colonel thinks they would be able to prove that Riley's barking was not of an immoderate sort, but rather in the nature of applause. There is nothing that Riley delights in more than to see the soldiers on parade, and he expresses his approbation in the only way a dog can, using his tail as a wagging point of exclamation.

Riley never had bitten an officer or soldier; in fact, he was as gentle as a child. He was wonderfully well trained, too, the colonel having taught him to do many of the stunts of educated vaudeville dogs, including walking on his hind legs, and there was one thing that he might be censured for was his friendliness and his military spirit.

Tells Same Story Several Times.

One of the officers in the group that does not like Col. Deems said that an evidence of his commander's eccentricity was that he told the same story several times. The colonel did not deny this, but said there were some stories that would wear repetition, and most new stories were of any kind.

The colonel pointed to his flawless record of thirty-seven years in the service of his country as an indication of his right to the companionship of Riley. His son, Capt. Clarence Deems, Jr., is on duty in Oklahoma, and his daughter is with her husband, an army officer at Sitka, Alaska.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28, 1908-3 p. m. The northeast storm has dissipated, and another trough of depression is moving southward from the West Indies States to the St. Lawrence Valley. It is attended by general rain and snow over the entire region, and snow in the Upper Lake region, and is followed by a cold cold wave with strong high pressure, the temperature ranging from zero to 25 degrees below zero. In the Atlantic and West Gulf States, weather has been generally fair and warmer, while in the West there have been heavy rains and snow.

The northeast cold wave and high pressure will continue eastward and southward during Wednesday and Thursday night, reaching the Atlantic coast by Thursday morning. Temperatures will begin to rise Wednesday in the West, and on Thursday in the West generally, the Upper Mississippi Valley, and the Upper Lake region.

There will be snow and rain in the Atlantic States and snow in the Lower Lake region, followed by generally fair weather Thursday. West of the Rocky Mountains unsettled weather will continue with local rains and snow.

The winds along the New England coast will be fresh to brisk southwest to northwest; on the Middle Atlantic coast from the west to northwest; on the South Atlantic coast light to fresh and variable, becoming northerly during Wednesday night; on the East Gulf coast from the northeast to north and fresh; on the West Gulf coast light to fresh and variable, becoming northerly to northeast, and on Lake Michigan brisk north to north, becoming variable on Thursday.

Steamers departing Wednesday for European ports will have fresh to brisk southwest to west winds; rain or snow Wednesday; fair, cold Thursday to the Grand Banks.

SPECIAL FORECAST.

Cold waves are expected throughout the Atlantic States, except along the South coast, over the entire lake region, the Ohio, Mississippi, and Missouri valleys, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Northwestern Arkansas, the Texas Panhandle, Eastern Wyoming, and Eastern Colorado.

Local Temperature.

Midnight, 25.2 a. m., 24.4 a. m., 25.4 a. m., 26.8 a. m., 28.0 a. m., 30.0 a. m., 32.0 a. m., 34.0 a. m., 36.0 a. m., 38.0 a. m., 40.0 a. m., 42.0 a. m., 44.0 a. m., 46.0 a. m., 48.0 a. m., 50.0 a. m., 52.0 a. m., 54.0 a. m., 56.0 a. m., 58.0 a. m., 60.0 a. m., 62.0 a. m., 64.0 a. m., 66.0 a. m., 68.0 a. m., 70.0 a. m., 72.0 a. m., 74.0 a. m., 76.0 a. m., 78.0 a. m., 80.0 a. m., 82.0 a. m., 84.0 a. m., 86.0 a. m., 88.0 a. m., 90.0 a. m., 92.0 a. m., 94.0 a. m., 96.0 a. m., 98.0 a. m., 100.0 a. m.

Temperatures in Other Cities.

Temperatures in other cities together with the amount of rainfall for the twelve hours ended at 3 p. m. yesterday, are as follows:

Country Bank Closes Doors.

Benton, Ark., Jan. 28.—The People's Bank of this city, closed its doors today by order of J. K. Bell, the president. Discussion among the officers of the bank is reported to be the cause.

BARNES CASE TO JURY TO-DAY.

Suit to Recover \$800,000 on Chinese Railway Venture Near End.

New York, Jan. 28.—Justice Davis, of the Supreme Court, denied to-day the motion to dismiss the complaint of Thurlow Weed Barnes in the suit brought by him to recover \$800,000 from the American-China Development Company and the Chinese Railways Syndicate as commissions for his services in obtaining for the syndicate valuable concessions from China in 1888.

Justice Davis ruled out Barnes' claims for compensation for obtaining banking concessions, declaring that the proof was too vague. But on the main point of the plaintiff, the coal concerns, the court ruled that the jury would have to pass.

The jury itself, which has been listening for several days to the details of the financing of Chinese undertakings, including Barnes' negotiations with Minister Wu Ting-fang, has got pretty tired. Juror No. 4, Timothy C. Callahan, failed to appear to-day, and he was fined \$100. Counsel for both sides consented to go on with eleven jurors. It will probably turn out that Juror Callahan was ill. The case will go to the jury to-morrow.

RELIGIOUS INTEREST WANING

Cardinal Gibbons Deplores Tendency Manifest in Public Life.

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Boston, Jan. 28.—Cardinal Gibbons was asked to-day whether, with his long experience as a priest, bishop, and cardinal, he believed the people of America were growing better from a religious point of view. After a moment's thought, he replied:

"It is hard to answer that question on definite lines. In their respect for religion I am afraid the people of America are not what they were fifty or sixty years ago. For instance, our statesmen of America fifty or sixty years ago showed a familiarity with and a regard for the Holy Scriptures and the word of God, which I am sorry to say does not present itself to-day."

"I remember reading one speech of Daniel Webster, which quoted fourteen quotations from Holy Scripture, which showed Mr. Webster's study of the Holy Word and his respect for its spirit. Indeed, Webster dovetailed his speeches with appropriate quotations from Scripture, showing his intimate respect for the word of God. This practice, I repeat, is neglected by the public speaker of the present day."

Asked as to what he attributed this decline of interest in religious matters, the cardinal answered:

"That also is a hard question to answer. I attribute it first of all, however, to their early training, which is devoid of religious education."

MITCHELL'S SALARY GOES ON

Miners Vote to Pay Retiring President for Six Months Longer.

Socialists' Efforts to Introduce Politics Into Organization Defeated by Substantial Majority.

Indianapolis, Jan. 28.—The problem of taking care of President John Mitchell till his health was restored was solved by the convention of United Mine Workers to-day when a resolution was unanimously adopted eulogizing his services to the organization and voting him his present salary as president for six months after April 1, when his connection with the organization will cease. A proposition to raise a gift of \$20,000 by a per capita tax of ten cents was abandoned by his friends when it was learned that he would not accept it, and the six months' salary proposition was substituted.

A resolution favoring political activity on the part of the miners' organization, "to the end that an industrial republic may be established wherein all will be assured of the right to work and to reap the full benefit of their labor," came from the Socialist element in the organization to-day.

It charged that the present political machinery is all in the hands of the capitalists, and that the Socialist element made many speeches in support of it. The resolution was defeated by a substantial majority.

A number of large local operators arrived to-day, but they are not sure that a conference with the miners will be held or that an agreement will be entered into. If they do, they say, they want peace. The evident determination of the miners to demand an increase in the scale may preclude its possibility.

STEEL EARNINGS FALL OFF.

Corporation Declares Regular Dividend on Common and Preferred.

New York, Jan. 28.—The United States Steel Corporation reported to-day earnings of \$22,533,995 for the quarter ended December 31. The earnings compare with \$43,804,285 in the September quarter and \$40,567,705 in the June quarter, which was the largest on record. For the corresponding quarter of 1906 the earnings were \$40,744,964.

Unfilled orders were reported at 4,624,533 tons, as compared with 6,045,008 in September, 7,093,875 in June, 8,425,835 in March, and 8,890,718 in December, 1906. The unfilled orders at the end of the last-named quarter were the largest in the history of the corporation.

The statement submitted to-day was the most remarkable in the history of the company in its showing of a rapid change in business conditions. The earnings for October were \$17,062,211, the greatest on record for any month. In November earnings dropped to \$10,467,253, and in December to \$5,034,531. The company declared the regular dividends on the common and preferred stock.

Sir William S. Robson Named.

London, Jan. 28.—Sir William S. Robson, the solicitor general, has been appointed attorney general in place of Sir John L. Walton, who died lately. Sir Thomas Evans, M. P. for the middle division of Glamorganshire, becomes solicitor general in succession to Sir William Robson.

Dr. Wingate Supports It.

Dr. W. Wingate, of 825 Fourteenth street northwest, in a letter to the Commissioners yesterday, speaks in favor of the chiropractic bill now before Congress, and declares if those who have the power to pass on the bill had received the benefit he has they would not hesitate to vote it into law.

Ocean Steamships.

New York, Jan. 28.—Arrived out: Kronprinzessin Océan, at Bremen; Bluebird, at Hamburg.

CHECK TRAPS NEGRO

Cash Refused, He Is Held for Assault.

MOB THREATENS A LYNCHING

Police in Maryland Town Fear for Safety of Prisoner Charged with Having Committed Brutal Crime at Mount Harmony—Victim Too Ill to Identify Her Assailant.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Prince Fredericktown, Md., Jan. 28.—John Jones, colored, wanted for assault on Mrs. Mary Buggy, at Mount Harmony, Prince George County, to-day, was landed in jail here to-night. It is feared that he will be lynched before the night is over.

The authorities want to rush the man to Baltimore for safe-keeping, but Judge Briscoe is absent. It is planned to take the negro before Mrs. Buggy to-morrow for identification if the jail is not stormed in the meantime, as a posse from Mount Harmony is reported en route to the jail.

The negro had been employed by Mrs. Buggy. At 2 o'clock yesterday morning he went with a gun and an ax to the room occupied by the woman.

The negro left the room and went out, but returned before Mrs. Buggy could get out of the house. He then forced her to go to her room, and, threatening to murder her, he again assaulted her. The negro demanded a check for \$40 which she had and all the cash in the house.

Mrs. Buggy gave up the check and 25 cents—all the money she had. He then went to the stable, saddled a bay mare, and made his escape. Shortly before 8 o'clock to-night Jones rode up to the store of William H. Robinson, at Barstow, sixteen miles from the scene of the assault.

Check Gave Him Away.

He asked Robinson to cash the check which Mrs. Buggy had given him, which was on a Washington (D. C.) bank. The description of the negro had been "phoned" to all points of the county. Robinson recognized the check and Mrs. Buggy's horse, and arrested the negro. He was turned over to State's Attorney J. Frank Parran, in Prince Fredericktown, and locked in jail. Every effort was made to keep the man quiet. The State's Attorney says he is convinced that he has the right man.

Fearing mob violence, it was planned to rush the negro to Baltimore to-night. A telephone message was sent to Mount Harmony asking that Mrs. Buggy come to Prince Fredericktown and identify the negro, but she is critically ill and unable to leave her bed. She underwent an operation in a hospital only a week ago for a tumor. It was also found that Judge Briscoe, who also is a hard question to answer, is at Annapolis. In the meantime lynching is feared, and the jail is not able to resist an attack.

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